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## PRESIDENTS POTSHOTS

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It is the start of the New Year 2011 and for the club that means our Annual Potluck Banquet and Election of Officers. A flyer is enclosed in this newsletter. Hang it by your calendar and plan on attending. It will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bethany Presbyterian Church, 1712 West Idaho Ave., Ontario, OR 97914.

Please bring your favorite main dish and dessert - we have to have dessert! Also, please bring your own table settings. The club will provide cups and drinks.

After the dinner we will have the election of officers. All officers have agreed to serve for another year. If you would like to nominate someone for an office, please contact the nominating committee. The committee is comprised of our past Presidents: Dave Brown, Gary McClellan, and Bob Williams.

Following the meeting and elections, our guest speaker will be Dick Calhoun. He will be sharing with us about his Cape buffalo hunt and other adventures.

To close the evening, we will be having our famous White Elephant Raffle. Please bring extra shooting or sporting good items to donate for the raffle. All proceeds go to help our Junior programs. Proceeds from the raffle last year helped our YHEC program purchase a compound bow that we needed for the younger youth that participate.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting on the 22nd and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## Membership

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*It's that time of the year again; yes that's right, renew Your Snake River Sportsmen Membership.*

My E-mail is [rdpitcher@fmtc.com](mailto:rdpitcher@fmtc.com), and my phone # is 208/941-9786.

Have a great holiday season, Shoot Straight and Safe. And may all of you and yours have a safe and prosperous New Year.

## Newsletter Changes

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We need your help to cut costs and update our membership information. A membership renewal form is included in this newsletter. All members, including annual and life members, need to fill out the form and mail it to the club at the club address. PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS on the renewal form. Starting with the March newsletter, newsletters will be sent to your e-mail address. The newsletter will also be available on our web page at [www.snakeriversportsmen.com](http://www.snakeriversportsmen.com). If you don't have e-mail or access to a computer, please put MAIL on your renewal form, and we will mail a paper copy of the newsletter to you.

The board decided to make this change after many discussions. Our practice has been to set dues based on the cost of insurance and the cost of distributing the newsletter, but the price of both keeps going up. To keep the dues the same, we need to reduce the cost of distributing the newsletter (the cost for printing and mailing is about \$1.00 for each copy, so it adds up fast). An added benefit will be helping us go green.

Please help us to cut costs by opting to receive the newsletter electronically, and please help us make this transition smoothly by sending in your completed renewal form as soon as possible. Thank you for supporting us in this effort, and thank you for being part of the Snake River Sportsmen.

If you have any questions about this change, please let me know by contacting me at [blprice@fmtc.com](mailto:blprice@fmtc.com) or call me at (541) 216-1616.

Thank you for your help in this.

Bill Price, President

## **Indoor Small Bore Rifle and Pistol**

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Now that the Holidays are over we will be going back over to Nampa on Friday evenings for Small Bore rifle and Pistol. We usually car pool over leaving from the Dennys Cafe parking lot in Ontario about 6:30 PM and if anyone would like to go with us you are more than welcome. If you can't make Friday Jeff Collins also has an open night on Wednesday starting at the same time 7:00PM. Fees are \$5.00 for non Nampa Rod and Gun Club members and \$2.00 for members and Nampa supplies the targets.

We will be starting the Idaho Rifle and Pistol Small Bore Postal Competition the second week of January and we will field a team in both venues. I can use all the shooters I can get.

We certainly appreciate Nampa making this available to us and to the other Clubs who don't have indoor ranges it is pretty darned cold shooting outdoors in the winter. From the last we have heard from the Ontario Guard the use of their indoor range is on hold until they get the air exchange problems worked out. Hopefully that won't be too much longer but you never know.

## **NRA Personal Protection in the Home Classes**

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I will be starting Personal Protection in the Home Classes shortly after the first of Jan provided we can get into the Shotgun complex ( road is/was snowed in ). This class is about twelve hours in length and fulfills one of the requirements for getting a Concealed Carry Permit in Idaho or Oregon. Usually we meet on Monday night for the lecture part of the class and do the shooting part of the class at the SRS Vale Range at a time we can work out with the students usually on a Saturday but that isn't set in stone. Typically there is about six hours of lecture including a class presented by Charles Oakes on the legal ramifications of using deadly force in protecting your life or the life of another person. Charles also covers a number of avoidance techniques when it comes to dangerous situations. This class alone is worth the cost of the course and then some. We start at the very beginning of handgun safety and marksmanship and usually start with air guns progressing to 22 rim fire caliber pistols and finally to center fire pistols.

If you are a novice or a seasoned pistol shooter we can accommodate your skill level. We use a user friendly approach and never but never put the student under stress. There is a time and a place for putting students under stress but their first outing isn't that place. No one will be yelling at you ( unless you point a pistol at me ) and no one will put down your shooting abilities. That worked fine when we went through Boot Camp but then we were much younger and not in a position to question authority or training techniques.

Cost of the class is \$ 55.00 for SRS members and \$65.00 for non members. We will supply student text books, eye and hearing protection and can supply handguns if necessary. You supply about five boxes of 22 long rifle ammunition and one box (50 rounds of center fire) ammunition. We will discuss all of this the first night so don't be in a hurry to buy the ammunition or a handgun until after we talk about it. If you have a suitable 22 pistol or a suitable center fire pistol you certainly can use that; again we can discuss that the first night. This is a coed class but I am not adverse to teaching an all female class or an all male class should the students so desire. In the past we have had many husband and wife participants our only requirement is that we do the teaching and husbands are not allowed to coach/teach wives. The guys mean well but sometimes it just doesn't come across that way. If interested you can contact me at [djbrown12@srvinet.com](mailto:djbrown12@srvinet.com), phone at 208 642-3556 or write me at: David J. Brown and I will get your name down for the next available class. 2490 First Avenue South, Payette, Idaho 83661

## **NRA Instructor Classes**

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Gary McClellan and I will be doing a series of NRA Basic Instructor, Rifle Instructor, and Shotgun Instructor classes about the first of February. We have a number of individuals who need to get NRA Instructor certifications to teach these classes to Boy and Girl Scouts. Other than the individuals who have contacted me about becoming NRA certified Instructors, if there are any other Club or non Club members who would like to take these courses, contact either Gary or myself. Our contact information is listed in the Club Directory published in this newsletter.

## **Shotgun**

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Happy New Year!!!! Hopefully in the next couple of weeks we'll be back in the shotgun range and will get back to shooting some clay's. I hope to have some really good shoots this year. I'm working at adding another shoot in July more info on that later. Also we have lots of shot for sale at the gun club. If we're able I'll try to have other meat shoot before spring. Hope to see you at the range this year.

## **Junior Marksmanship Program**

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The junior's program is alive and well. We began our 2010-2011 indoor programs last October and have had a good turnout considering that we are still traveling to the Nampa indoor range every Monday. We are looking forward to participating in the upcoming State postal's. Although the summer is long past considering the fact that I haven't written an article in so long I feel it is prudent to let you know that participation in outdoor rifle was good last summer. We had juniors shoot High power, Sporting rifle and Match rifle. We had three juniors at Don Curtis' annual High power clinic.

The coming year promises to be even better. I hope to see you on the range.

Coach Terry

## **YHEC**

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I will have information in the February newsletter regarding practice location and times. Start talking to our youth about participating in this educational and fun activity.

## **Bench Rest**

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Due to Inclement weather the Dec 4 matches were canceled. We will try February 5th, 2011 10 AM start time weather permitting. Also my brother Wayne and I are working on getting organized doing the 600 yard bench rest. If you have any questions please my brother Wayne at (208) 409-4655 or me at (208) 884-1869.

